Stratfield Mortimer Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Report 2nd August 2021

The Steering Group (SG) met on 17th August; present were Tennant Barber, Nick Carter, Neil Kiley, Amanda Marsden, Danusia Morsley, Sabina Nethercliff, Doug Overett, Jo Wines, Pat Wingfield. After introductions, Laila Bassett of WBC gave a short presentation on the processes involved in a Neighbourhood Plan (NP). She introduced her colleague Umrah Mahadik who is replacing Laila in her liaison role with us.

The reasoning behind the two editions of the NP that are to be prepared was discussed and two working groups were formed to do initial research on the two subjects.

The Single Policy NP is being worked on by NP, DO, AM and NK; JB who was not at the meeting subsequently has expressed an interest in joining that group. That group met on 31st August. After a review of the history and implications for the reservation or not of the land, the group has agreed an initial research plan.

The Full NP group is PW, SN, TB and DM and met on 1st September. The initial work is focussed on an analytical comparison of the old NDP with Emerging Local Plan, NPPF and other government documents to identify parts which can be retained, need revision or need origination.

The next meeting of the SG is 28th September.

JW was elected Chairman of the SG; as she is not available until October, DM is carrying out that role protem. TB was elected ViceChairman.